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For: SINGLE LENS ELEMENT, LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE AND SCANNING OPTICAL DEVICE		

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The relevance of JP 4-328512 A, JP 4-328516 A and JP 6-118346 A, is discussed in the present specification.

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